GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:65
ANSWERED ON:16.08.2007
BIO DIESEL PROCUREMENT POLICY
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government has announced the Bio-diesel Procurement Policy from January 2006;

(b) if so, the main features of the said Procurement Policy;

(c) whether 20 procurement centres of Oil Marketing Companies have been identified under the policy;

(d) if so, the locations of these procurement centres;

(e) the quantum of Bio-diesel procured by them and the price thereof; and

(f) the reaction of the Government on the working of these procurement centres?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL (SHRI MURLI DEORA)

(a) to (e) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (f) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.65 BY SHRI HARI KEWAL PRASAD AND DR. DHIRENDER AGARWAL TO BE ANSWERED ON 16TH AUGUST, 2007 REGARDING BIO-DIESEL PROCUREMENT POLICY

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The salient features of the Bio-diesel Purchase Policy announced by Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas (MoP&NG) with effect from 1.1.2006 are as follows-

(i) The Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) will purchase Bio-diesel, meeting the Bureau of Indian Standard (BIS) specifications, through their select purchase centres.

(ii) Bio-diesel manufacturers interested in supplying Bio-diesel, meeting the requirements as per BIS specifications, to OMCs shall register with State Level Coordinators.

(iii) Priority in registration shall be given to such producers who propose to manufacture Bio-diesel from non-edible tree borne oils.

(iv) OMCs shall decide from time to time a uniform delivered price for buying Bio-diesel and such price shall be valid for six months and would be reviewed thereafter. The initial purchase price of Bio-diesel was Rs.25 per litre, which has since been revised to Rs. 26.50 per litre w.e.f. 22nd August, 2006.

(v) Panchayati Raj Institutions PRIs would undertake Purchase of Bio-diesel as a rural business hub activity.

(c) & (d) Yes, Sir.

The locations of the 20 identified procurement centres are as under:

Sr. No.	State	Location
1	Andhra Pradesh	Ghatkesar (also for Jharkhand and Orissa States)
2	Chattisgarh	Mandirhasaud
3	Delhi	Bijwasan
4	Gujarat	Kandla
5.	Haryana	Rewari
6.	Karnataka	Devanagunthi (Bangalore)

7 Manglore

8 Madhya Pradesh Mangliagaon –Indore
9. Maharashtra Manmad
10. Borkhedi- Nagpur
11. Loni
12. Vashi
13. Punjab Bhatinda
14. Rajasthan Sanganier- Jaipur
15. Salawas
16. Tamil Nadu Korrukupet- Chennai
17. Narimanam

18. Karur,
19. Uttar Pradesh Panki
20. Amousi- Lucknow

(e) & (f) OMCs have not purchased Bio-diesel at the identified purchase centres till date. The production of bio-diesel from seeds coming from plants such as Jatropha is at a nascent stage and will take time to stabilize. It is yet early to take a view on the working of the centres.